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- ## 2. Industrial Installation at Elbing

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1. The Poles are digging a canal near Wahlberg (Lysica-455/Y92) (Frische Neuhung) to connect the Frisches Haff with the Baltic in order to give Elbing (Elblag) a direct connection to the Baltic. [redacted] This project had been planned by the Germans for a long time but never materialized. It is planned to separate the eastern part of the Frisches Haff with a dam and to dredge a sea canal from Elbing channel to the cut near Wahlberg. Because of the primitive technical means which the Poles have at their disposal (dredges are definitely lacking), successful completion of the project can hardly be counted on within the foreseeable future. When the first set in during the winter of 1952, labor brigades began dumping rubble in the shallow bed of the Haff as a foundation for the dam.
2. The Schichau Shipyard, which until the end of the war was fully equipped to build destroyers and torpedo boats, fell into the hands of the Poles almost intact. At once the Poles started a new shipbuilding program, using German specialists who had been recruited under compulsion.
3. The Schichau Shipyard has a sister plant, Trettnichhof. This plant produced locomotives and tanks before it was destroyed. Now it has only a limited production. The other industries in Elbing are of no significance at present. A narrow gauge railroad handles the transportation of lumber from Elbing to Allenstein (Gisztyń) and to Danzig (Gdańsk) harbor.

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1. [] Comment: [] description of Frisches Haff (Zalew Wislany-Vistulian Sound) and Frische Nehrung (Mierzeja Wislana-Vistulian Bar.) 25X1
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2. [] Comment: The report on the construction of a cut near Gdabinsk is probable. The demand for a real shortening of the entrance to Elbing is plausible. The present entrance from the Baltic Sea to Elbing is via Pillau (Baltisk) and the channel in the Frisches Haff has a depth of only 3.6 meters. Elbing has always been an important shipyard harbor for Poland. The new project will provide for a cut and surely for a deepening of the channel. 25X1
3. [] Comment: Elbing has also been reported to be the base of two S-boat flotillas. 25X1

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